


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

**TO:** Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** Proposed DCYF Rule

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department is advertising for promulgation the following amended DCYF rule: Mental Health Emergency Service Interventions for Children, Youth and Families. This proposed rule complies with good child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice practice. The proposed rule is accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) and on the Secretary of State's Proposed Rules and Regulations Database Search (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>). Written comments may be submitted by April 16, 2012 to:

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**Amended**

**Mental Health Emergency Service Interventions for Children, Youth and Families**

This amended rule allows providers discretion in the use of psychiatry, updates language to reflect the implementation of the system of care, removes references to funding sources that are no longer available and edits language and references for consistency. In the amendment of this rule, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.